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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, characterised in that the antiperspirant active and the transition metal chelator are both present in the same composition.
4. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising a liquid or soft solid composition.
6. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising an aerosol composition.

7. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the antiperspirant active is an aluminium, zirconium, or mixed aluminium/zirconium salt.

9. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator is an iron (III) chelator.

11. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator is micromolar-active.

12. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator has an acid form comprising at least five acid groups.

13. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator is a polyaminocarboxylic acid or salt thereof.

15. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising an additional organic anti-microbial agent.

17. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising fragrance material at up to 4% by weight of the composition.

18. (Amended) A method of controlling microbial numbers, said method comprising the application to a substrate of a product according to claim 1.

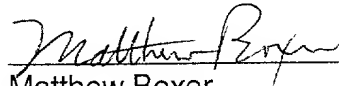
19. (Amended) A cosmetic method of reducing perspiration and providing additional control of bacterial numbers on a human body surface, said method comprising the topical application to the human body of any of the products according to claim 1.

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependencies and to correct minor typographical errors.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that the antiperspirant active and the transition metal chelator are both present in the same composition.
4. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, comprising a liquid or soft solid composition.
6. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, comprising an aerosol composition.
7. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the antiperspirant active is an aluminium, zirconium, or mixed aluminium/zirconium salt.
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15. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, comprising an additional organic anti-microbial agent.

17. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, comprising fragrance material at up to 4% by weight of the composition.

18. (Amended) A method of controlling microbial numbers, said method comprising the application to a substrate of a product according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

19. (Amended) A cosmetic method of reducing perspiration and providing additional control of bacterial numbers on a human body surface, said method comprising the topical application to the human body of any of the products according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~ claim 1.